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## Global Expansion and Optimization Provides Wentworth Customers with a Competitive Advantage

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Wentworth Blow Mold Group is the Best Value Supplier of Blow Molds and PET Preform Molds for the packaging industry. Due to expanded global capabilities and optimization of global facilities, Wentworth's customers experience a competitive advantage through:

- **The Highest Quality Tooling**
- **The Most Competitive Prices**
- **Fast, On-time Deliveries**
- **Proprietary Innovations that Reduce Customer Costs**
- **The Added Value of Global Support and Local Service**

Wentworth is the world's No.1 independent manufacturer of Blow Molds, producing tooling of all sizes, for all technologies and all machine types. Wentworth is committed to Global Support and Local Service through 8 manufacturing/service centers around the world, which provide the capacity to handle the largest global product launches.

### **Low Cost Manufacturing in Central Europe**

In order to offer the best value to customers and significantly reduce overall product cost, Wentworth established the manufacturing of blow molds in Poniadowa, Poland in 2000. The Poniadowa operation is performing very well and supplies our customers in North America, Europe and World-wide. It is dedicated to manufacturing all types of blow molds and is operating 24/7, providing the highest level of service. The Poniadowa operation is fully equipped with the latest CNC-5 Axis Machining Centers and CNC Lathes. Subsequent to the expansion of the Poniadowa operation, in 2004, an additional low cost manufacturing facility began operations in Rzeszow, Poland. The Rzeszow facility focuses on the manufacture of PET Preform tooling components, refurbishments and conversions on Preform molds, while providing support to the Poniadowa operation. These operations are staffed with experienced designers, engineers, CNC machinists, toolmakers, and quality inspectors that were trained by Wentworth's highly skilled, experienced personnel in the United States and Canada. All facilities conform to Wentworth's ISO 9001 quality standards and procedures.

Wentworth's global operations are well positioned to deliver the best value and competitive advantage to customers:

- **Low Cost Manufacturing Locations:** Low labour costs, low taxes, advanced latest equipment, 'Lean Manufacturing'

- **Efficient Logistics:** Transport to North America takes less than 24 hours
- **Local Services and Support**
- **North American Quality, Delivery and Service at Low Global Prices**

Wentworth's global manufacturing initiatives are well received by major customers in the packaging industry within North America, Europe and other parts of the world.

### **Global Optimization of Value Supply Chain**

In response to customer requests for lower mold prices and the market forces that globalize manufacturing, **Wentworth re-engineered its Value Supply Chain to provide more value to customers.** Wentworth consolidated all manufacturing operations in North America to two main locations; PET and Extrusion blow mold manufacturing to the main plant in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada and PET Preform, IBM and ISBM mold manufacturing to the main plant in Vandalia, Ohio, USA. In addition to this re-organization to optimize North American facilities, a significant portion of overall manufacturing was moved to Wentworth's Poland facilities. This being a low cost source, Wentworth's strategic expansion in Central Europe and the optimization within North America have allowed Wentworth to not only meet customer needs but exceed them, truly giving them the competitive advantage over their competition .

Both the Hamilton and Vandalia operations continue as the headquarters and centers of global activities for Blow Molds and Preform Molds, respectively, and maintain full capabilities to manufacture and service molds for all machine types and all technologies. The Global Sales Team within North America operate from these two main locations. In addition, global teams focusing on R&D and technological innovations are managed from North American Headquarters.

### **Local Service and Global Support**

Wentworth is committed to provide local service and global support to all customers world-wide. In January 2006, Wentworth signed a Strategic Partnership Agreement with Simko SA, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, to provide technical support for Blow and PET Preform Molds throughout South America.

Wentworth has more manufacturing and service centers than any other blow mold manufacturer. They are located in:

- Canada
- United States
- Poland
- United Kingdom
- Argentina
- Singapore
- China

Customers can be assured that Wentworth will be there when and where needed. Wentworth's global presence enables the provision of services that ensure customer businesses run 24/7.

### **Wentworth's Strategic Initiatives**

Wentworth's mission is to earn your business for life. Wentworth's actions are focused on delivering best value molds to customers. During the last 3 years, Wentworth implemented the following:

- Dedicated High Tech Manufacturing operations in low cost location (Central Europe).
- Strategic partnership for Sales and Technical Service in South America
- Sales and Service established in Shanghai, China
- Fast-to-Market® Program for PET Preform Molds, PET Blow Molds and Extrusion Blow Molds
- Fast-to-Market® Program for refurbishing and repairs of PET Preform Molds.
- Installation, Start-up and Technical Services 24/7.
- Patented Innovative Technologies that reduce customer costs, increase machine output and reduce mold changeover time.
- Guaranteed delivery of custom made machine change parts within the standard mold delivery time.
- State of the art equipment installed in global manufacturing facilities.
- Comprehensive and ongoing global training programs for designers, CNC machinists, and quality inspectors.
- 'Lean Manufacturing' programs in all global locations.

### **Wentworth Technologies**

Wentworth is the world's No.1 independent manufacturer of blow molds to the packaging industry. We are an approved vendor and supply the top 20 packaging companies and converters. Our service extends to over 80 countries throughout Europe, the Americas and Asia.

We are passionately focused on driving customer success. Fast, on-time delivery, complete service support, the highest quality molds and product performance are a given. We supply molds to produce bottles, containers, preforms, caps and closures, and thin wall containers on all types of plastic molding equipment.

Our mold solutions redefine the time to market and deliver higher profits to our customers and partners. We build reliable, high performance molds providing substantial competitive advantage. We are truly customer obsessed serving your demands. We invest over 10% of revenue in R&D and have manufacturing plants supplying technologically advanced products offering the best value, 24/7.

We want to be Your Best Value Supplier.

**We welcome your inquiry for all types of Blow Molds and PET Preform Molds. We offer the highest quality, the most competitive prices, fast, on-time delivery, local service and global support. We offer strategic partnership arrangements for large purchasers.**

**Visit us at NPE 2006 – Wentworth Technologies Co. Ltd.**

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